GENERAL EDUCATION AND COURSE REQUIREMENTS

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The Associate in Arts degree requires a minimum of 60 acceptable college-level credits including 36 credits in general education, 24 credits of acceptable electives, and satisfaction of the foreign language proficiency requirement.

General Education Program Requirements for the Associate in Arts Degree (36 Credits)

The general education program at Valencia is an integral part of the A.A. degree program and is designed to contribute to the student’s educational growth by providing a basic liberal arts education. A student who completes the general education program should have achieved the following outcomes:

Cultural and Historical Understanding: Demonstrate understanding of the diverse traditions of the world, and an individual’s place in it.

Quantitative and Scientific Reasoning: Use processes, procedures, data, or evidence to solve problems and make effective decisions.

Communication Skills: Engage in effective interpersonal, oral and written communication.

Ethical Responsibility: Demonstrate awareness of personal responsibility in one’s civic, social and academic life.

Information Literacy: Locate, evaluate and effectively use information from diverse sources.

Critical Thinking: Effectively analyze, evaluate, synthesize, and apply information and ideas from diverse sources and disciplines.

There are two approaches to general education at Valencia. The first is 36 semester credits which serve as the core of the curriculum. The 36 credits are selected from 5 core areas of academic courses offered at Valencia: Communications, Humanities, Mathematics, Science and Social Sciences.

The second approach is the 24-semester-credit Interdisciplinary Studies Honors Program and completion of SPC 1608 or SPC 1608H or SPC 1017 or SPC 1017H, and SLS 1122 or SLS 1122H and the six-semester-credit mathematics requirement outlined in Area 3. The description of the first approach follows, and the second approach is described in the Honors section of this catalog.

Area 1. Communications

Required Courses - There are required 12 credits. The Freshman Composition courses must be completed with a minimum grade of C to fulfill the Gordon Rule Requirement

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Area 2. Humanities

Required Courses - There are 6 required credits. Students must take three credits hours from the Core offerings and three credit hours from Institutional offerings. One course must be a Gordon Rule (GR) course, and completed with a minimum grade of C to fulfill the Gordon Rule Requirement

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Total Credit Hours

36
Area 3. Mathematics

Required Courses - There are 6 required credits. Students must take three credit hours from the Core offerings, and three credit hours from either the Core or Institutional offerings. All courses must be completed with a minimum grade of C to meet the Gordon Rule Requirement. Any student who successfully completes a mathematics course for which one of the general education core course options in mathematics is an immediate prerequisite shall be considered to have completed the mathematics core.

Core **must take a minimum of three credit hours

MAC 1105 College Algebra **~ (GR)
  or MAC 1147 College Algebra - Honors
MGF 1106 COLLEGE MATHEMATICS **~ (GR)
MGF 1107 Math for the Liberal Arts **~ (GR)
MAC 2311 CALCULUS WITH ANALYTIC GEOMETRY I **~ (GR)
  or MAC 2Calc/Analytic Geometry I Honors
STA 2023 Statistical Methods **~ (GR)
  or STA 2024 Statistical Methods - Honors

Institutional **students may take three or more credit hours

MAC 1114 College Trigonometry **~ (GR)
MAC 1140 Precalculus Algebra **~ (GR)
MAC 2312 CALCULUS WITH ANALYTIC GEOMETRY II **~ (GR)
  or MAC 2Calc/Analytic Geometry II-Hns
MAC 2233 Calc For Busn and Soc Sci **~ (GR)
  or MAC 2Calc for Busin and Soc Sci H

Total Credit Hours 6

Area 4. Science

Required Courses - There are 6 required credits. Students must take at least three credit hours from the Core offerings and three credit hours from either the Core or Institutional offerings. Any student who successfully completes a natural science course for which one of the general education core course options in natural science is an immediate prerequisite shall be considered to have completed the natural science core.

Valencia does not require a science course with a laboratory. Courses with a C designation have a combined class and laboratory; however, university majors determine if the student must take one or more laboratory science courses at Valencia. To select the most appropriate science courses for your major or transfer plan, complete an education plan through Atlas.

Core **minimum of three credit hours required

AST 1002 Astronomy ~
  or AST 11Astronomy-Honors
BSC 1005 Biological Science ~
BSC 1005L Lab Applied Biology ~
BSC 1005C Biological Science Combined ~

or BSC 1Biology - Honors
BSC 1010C GENERAL BIOLOGY I ~
  or BSC 1GENERAL BIOLOGY I HONORS
CHM 1020 Chemistry In Everyday Life ~
CHM 1045C GENERAL CHEMISTRY WITH QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS ~
  or CHM 1GENERAL CHEMISTRY WITH QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS I - HONORS
ESC 1000 Earth Science ~
EVR 1001 Intro to Environ Science ~
  or EVR 1Intro to Environ Science Hon
PHY 1020 Conceptual Physics ~
PHY 2048C GENERAL PHYSICS WITH CALCULUS I ~
  or PHY 2 GENERAL PHYSICS WITH CALCULUS I - HONORS
PHY 2053C COLLEGE PHYSICS I WITH ALGEBRA ~

Institutional **students may take three or more credit hours

BOT 2010C Botany ~
BSC 1011C GENERAL BIOLOGY II ~
  or BSC 1General Biology II Honors
BSC 1020 Human Biology ~
BSC 1020H HUMAN BIOLOGY COMBINED ~
BSC 1026 Biology of Human Sexuality ~
  or BSC 1Biology of Human Sexuality Honors
BSC 1421C INTRODUCTION TO BIOTECHNOLOGY ~
BSC 2093C HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I ~
BSC 2094C HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II ~
CHM 1025CIntro To General Chemistry ~
CHM 1046C Gen Chem Qual Analysis II ~
GLY 2010C Physical Geology ~
GLY 2160 Geology of National Parks ~
MET 1010 Intro To Meteorology ~
OCB 1000 Intro to Marine Biology ~
OCE 1001 Intro To Oceanography ~
  or OCE 1Oceanography-Honors
PHY 2049C GENERAL PHYSICS WITH CALCULUS II ~
PHY 2054C COLLEGE PHYSICS II WITH ALGEBRA AND TRIGONOMETRY ~

Total Credit Hours 6

Area 5. Social Sciences

Required Courses - There are 6 required credits. Students are required to take three credit hours from the Core offerings and three credit hours from Institutional offerings. The three hours of Institutional credit will apply toward the Gordon Rule (GR) requirement and must be completed with a minimum grade of C to fulfill the Gordon Rule Requirement.

Core

POS 2041 U.S. Government ~
  or POS 2Government Honors
AMH 2020 U.S. History 1877 to Present ~
  or AMH 2US Hist 1877 to Pres Honors
ANT 2000 Introductory Anthropology ~
or ANT 2000H Introductory Anthropology Hon

ECO 2013 Principles of Economics-Macro
or ECO 2013H Principles of Economics-Macro-Honors

PSY 2012 General Psychology ~
or PSY 2012H General Psychology-Honors

SYG 2000 Introductory Sociology
or SYG 2000H Introductory Sociology-Honors

Institutional 3

ASL 2510 DEAF CULTURE **~ (GR)
EUH 2000 Ancient and Medieval West Civ **~ (GR)
EUH 2001 Modern Western Civ **~ (GR)
or EUH 2001H MODERN WESTERN CIVILIZATION-HONORS
INR 2002 International Politics **~ (GR)
or INR 2000H International Politics Honors

POS 2112 STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT **~ (GR)
or POS 2112H STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT - HONORS

Total Credit Hours 6

+ This course must be completed with a grade of C or better.
* This course has a prerequisite; check description in Valencia catalog
~ This is a General Education course.
(GR) Denotes a Gordon Rule course

Electives/Required Prerequisites for Major (24 Credits)

Most college-level credit courses taught at Valencia will count toward elective credit. Any credits in excess of the minimum required in any of the five core areas listed above will count as elective credits. University majors require certain prerequisite courses before transferring; these are the courses that should be taken as electives at Valencia.

To select the most appropriate electives, create an education plan through Atlas for review with a Student Services staff member.

Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement

Valencia’s college-level foreign language proficiency requirement can be satisfied in one of the following ways:

- You may complete two credits (two years) of high school instruction in one language other than English with a passing grade each year as documented on your official high school transcript.
- You may successfully complete one of the following sequences in a single foreign language with a letter grade of “C” or better:

  ARA 1120 Elementary Arabic I 8
  & ARA 1121 and Elementary Arabic II
  ASL 2140 American Sign Language I 8
  & ASL 2150 and American Sign Language II
  CHI 1120 ELEMENTARY CHINESE I 8
  & CHI 1121 and ELEMENTARY CHINESE II
  FRE 1120 Elementary French I 8
  & FRE 1121 and Elementary French II
  GER 1120 Elementary German I 8
  & GER 1121 and Elementary German II

- You may satisfy this requirement by successfully completing foreign language course work at the Elementary II college level with a minimum grade of “C.”
- Demonstration of proficiency by passing a CLEP (College Level Examination Program) foreign language test or a foreign language proficiency test administered by the University of Central Florida. Students who earn college-level foreign language credits through course work or CLEP may apply these credits toward the 24 Elective credits.
- If your native language is a language other than English, you may satisfy the foreign language proficiency requirement by successful completion of English for Academic Purposes (EAP) course requirements and successful completion of the Area I Communications requirements for the Associate in Arts degree.
- Demonstrated college-level proficiency in American Sign Language (either through completion of eight semester credits or successful completion of ASL 2150) can be used to fulfill this requirement at Valencia.
- Demonstration of proficiency by passing Advanced Placement test with a score of 4 or higher.
- American Sign Language cannot be used to fulfill the foreign language graduation requirement at many universities. Students are responsible for verifying acceptability at the institution to which they plan to transfer.

Note: Satisfaction of this graduation requirement for Valencia may also satisfy the foreign language admission requirement for Florida public universities; it may or may not satisfy a specific university graduation requirement. Students are encouraged to find out the specific requirements of institutions in which they are interested.